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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

2. Claims 1-3 and 5-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Yamazaki (Pat. No. JP 07274140 A).
3. Consider claim 1. Yamazaki teaches a video reproduction apparatus for not only reproducing a video signal comprising a main video and a sub-video to display the video signal but also outputting OSD (On Screen Display) data (para. 0028) indicative of predetermined information to display the OSD data (fig. 7), comprising: a determining device for determining a display position of the sub-video on a displayed screen (para. 0029); an OSD-display position setting device for setting an OSD-display position of the OSD data not so as to overlap with the display position of the sub-video (para. 0029); and a superposing device for superposing, on the main video, not only the sub-video at the display position thereof but also the OSD data at the OSD-display position (para. 0027).
4. Consider claim 2. Yamazaki teaches that the sub-video is a caption on the main video (para. 0027)

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5. Consider claim 3. Yamazaki teaches that the OSD-display position setting device is configured so as to select a certain OSD-display position from a plurality of pre-specified OSD-display positions (para. 0065; fig. 3).
6. Consider claim 5. Yamazaki teaches an operating device used for giving instructions to a display condition of the OSD data (para. 0013), wherein the OSD-display position setting device is configured so as to set the OSD-display position on the basis of the instructions provided from the operating device (para. 0018).
7. Method claims 6-8 are rejected using similar reasoning as the corresponding apparatus claims 1-3 above.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 4 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamazaki (Pat. No. JP 07274140 A).

Consider claims 4 and 9. Yamazaki teaches a video reproduction apparatus reproducing a video signal comprising a main video, a sub-video and an OSD (On Screen Display) data (para. 0028) indicative of predetermined information to display the OSD data (fig. 7), comprising of a determining device, an OSD-display position setting device, and a superposing device. He teaches that the OSD-display position setting device is

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configured so as to set the OSD-display position at various places on the screen (fig. 5; fig. 7).

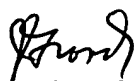
Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to use, that the OSD-display position could be at a side facing to the display position of the sub-video on the displayed screen.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mishawn N. Dunn whose telephone number is (571)272-7635. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Groody can be reached on (571)272-7950. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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